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## Peace

**be with you**



**Peace, Justice and  
Happiness Be yours  
at Christmas and  
the New Year**

Rev. Samuel Isamu Koshiishi,  
NCCJ Moderator

Rev. Kenichi Otsu,  
NCCJ Acting General Secretary  
and from all the staff of National  
Christian Council in Japan

平和を実現する人々は幸いである。  
その人たちは神の子とよばれる。  
マタイ 5:9

**"Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called  
children of God."  
— Matthew 5:9**

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## Korean Christian Church 100th Year Anniversary

The Korean Christian Church in Japan (KCCJ) celebrated 100 years of ministry in Japan through a special worship service, thanksgiving ceremony, and centennial celebration held on October 13, 2008. Over 1200 guests gathered from Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Canada, and United States in the auditorium of Osaka Jogakuin. KCCJ's moderator Rev. CHUNG Yeanwon shared the centennial message on the text based on I Thessalonians 5:18 and prayers were offered from representative leaders of the youth, youth adult and women's groups. A DVD presentation portrayed the history of KCCJ which has been traced back to 1908 at an organizational meeting of Korean students at Tokyo's Korea YMCA and has grown to over 100 churches in five districts throughout Japan. Rev. Dr. SOOKIL Park presented plaques to KCCJ partner churches from Asia and North America represented at the event. A special tribute was given for the work of Rev. John H. (Jack) and Clarabeth (Beth) MacIntosh who worked with KCCJ for 40 years as missionaries sent from the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A covenant agreement was signed between the KCCJ and the Reformed Church in America.

Live music presentations were provided by a brass band of KCCJ members, string instrumental presentations from KCCJ youth, and special anthems from the KCCJ 100th Anniversary Choir with 100 KCCJ members - many clothed in traditional Korean formal dress. Elementary school children sang for the event, and an array of young adults dressed in special 100th anniversary T-shirts performed a



stirring Christian message incorporating modern music, sign language and rap music in an invigorating presentation. A special professional guest tenor performed two selections from traditional Christian music. The KCCJ National Women's Association shared in a traditional dance and song, singing in beautiful harmony. A solo Korean traditional dance and drum performance was provided by Ms. Sara Lee - a Korean in Japan who grew up in Osaka's Ikuno Ward. Through such beautiful and moving expressions of the arts at the centennial celebration in a spirit of thanksgiving to God, KCCJ membership shared their appreciation for the sacrifices and blessings of the past 100 years and their energy and vision for the future years ahead.

(By Sarah Oba, PCUSA missionary)





## Fairtrade Compassionate Shopping

by Alison Gray

It's hard to ignore the incessant need to buy as Christmas approaches. I think most of us accept that this is the way it is. We keep the joy of giving and try to let the crude commercialism that Christmas seems to have become wash over us. Many of us try to put the giving, loving aspect into Christmas, not just by giving to friends, but by donations and by giving to those who have little. Many churches have contacts with orphanages and homeless groups for this purpose.

But the buying itself can be a form of giving. The idea and practice of fair trade started in Europe and North America in the 1950s and, especially there, is now a vibrant and commercially successful movement. In Japan too, though the movement is small, it is full of variety and passion. And just as in other countries of the world, in Japan, many Christians and Christian groups have been among the first to promote and sell fair trade.

In my work promoting fair trade, one of the things I notice, is that there is a lack of understanding as to what it is exactly. Most people see it as something which in some vague way helps the people who have grown the crops or made the product. In fact fair trade when it is certified with either the International Fair Trade Mark or bought from a shop which is a member of the World Fair Trade Organization, is far from vague. Companies and products certified by these groups have to meet stringent, independently assessed criteria. First of course is price. The product is bought at a price which covers the cost of production, that is, it allows the producer and his or her family to live a decent life. This price is almost always above the regular price for the product. Fair trade traders also support the community that they deal with by providing money for schools, medical centers, roads, wells, whatever the community decides it needs most. Traders and fair trade companies promise long term commitments to the communities they work with.

In giving gifts this year, why not give to benefit the producers too and also to support the small but vibrant and imaginative fair trade companies in Japan. Here are just some of the projects and companies.

### The Wakachiai Project (<http://wakachiai.com>)

Set up by Rev. Suguru Matsuki, Wakachiai sells products certified by the Fairtrade Mark. It has been doing this for almost 20 years (Rev. Matsuki set up the Japanese national Fairtrade body in the early 90s). It has one of the widest selections of fairly traded products including tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, dried fruit and wine. This project is not only about fair trade. With

the proceeds and profits generated by sales, the project supports refugee, sustainability and other projects, most recently in Myanmar. You can order a great range of reasonably priced fair trade products from the above website.



### Alter Trade ([http://](http://www.altertrade.co.jp)

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Alter trade work to encourage a 'people to people' trade which maintains respect and co-operation between the producers and consumers. It started as a group of Christian and other humanitarian aid groups who were concerned with the plight of sugar workers in the Negros islands after the slump in world sugar prices at the beginning of the 1980s. They started by giving aid, but soon they and the people of Negros knew they needed work. So they started an import/export business in fair trade sugar. From this successful beginning, they moved on to bananas, then olive oil, coffee and salt. Now Alter Trade is changing again. Its vision is to reduce the amount that each country trades with each other. They look for markets within the country where food is grown. That also means looking at rural poverty in Japan. One of their more recent projects is in providing help to the coffee growers in the recently independent island of East Timor, helping them sell their coffee to a stable, fair trade market.

Alter Trade products are mainly available through the Japanese co-op system, and there are also products available on their own website. The following cooperatives carry their products.

Radish Boya (<http://www.radishbo-ya.co.jp>)

Seikatsu Club (<http://www.seikatsuclub.coop>)

There are also products available on their website.

### World family Fund and International Living Craft Association (ILCA)

Set up by Reiko and Robert Wilson, this family-run company sells fair trade crafts and cards through their International Living Craft Association (ILCA). All profits go to supporting the projects they organize through their World Family Fund. See their Japanese website, for more information.

<http://www.liv-craft.com/wff/indexj.html>

or contact them directly at

E-Mail: [ilca@tokyo.email.ne.jp](mailto:ilca@tokyo.email.ne.jp)



## Letter to President-elect Barack Obama

December, 2008

Dear Mr. President-elect Barack Obama:

We extend our sincere congratulations and heartfelt enthusiasm that American people have made a historic option of electing you as the 44th President of the United States of America. Your promise of CHANGE is truly needed to heal from and reverse the disastrous impact of the last eight years of the Bush Administration. The CHANGE you promised is needed not only for American people but also for the whole of humankind.

We are an interfaith coalition of churches and religious organizations in Japan who have been extremely concerned that the U.S. military transformation of the Asia Pacific poses a serious threat to peace and stability in the region. In particular, the Administration's pressure on Japan to revise Article 9 of our Constitution represents a very real danger of a new Cold War in Asia.

We are committed to keep Article 9, which states:

*Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes.*

*In order to accomplish the aim of the preceding paragraph, land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of **belligerency** of the state will not be recognized.*

Article 9 articulates the Japanese people's commitment to constitutional non-violence as the fundamental structure of our country, and we believe it is a model that this world desperately needs, particularly in light of the "war on terror"

Under the guise of the "War on Terror," the Bush Administration has waged wars which have resulted in tremendous violence and devastation, ignored international laws, trampled sovereign nations and violated the basic human rights of many peoples. For the Japanese people, this represents powerful proof that not only Japan but also the entire world needs Article 9. We, therefore, profoundly welcome your promise to change the present strategy of unilateral domination of the world into one of dialogue and collaboration, a re-entry of the U.S. into the community of nations.

With regard to the military strategy imposed on the Asia Pacific Region, we hope this would be replaced by a more humble and realistic foreign/military policy. We ask you to study and reconsider the U.S. military presence with its ongoing plan of transformation and realignment, and we would welcome the opportunity to be in dialogue with your staff dedicated to policies concerning our region.

Under the Bush Administration, Japan has been pushed into a U.S. led military strategy which had little to do with peace and stability in Japan, or with the entire continent of Asia. In 2005-2006, Japan's Self Defense Forces which are in themselves unconstitutional were placed under the U.S. command through a series of agreements and have become an highly important support structure of the "War on Terror". The First Headquarters of the U.S. Armed Forces was transferred from Seattle to Camp Zama near Tokyo last December, 2007 where the Headquarters of Japan's SDF Forces Central Readiness Forces will soon be deployed. In Okinawa, the construction of a new U.S. offshore base continues against the impassioned protest of a broad based people's coalition. In Yokosuka, Iwakuni, Zama and Yokota, the U.S. military presence meets strong protest from the local residents supported by national and international people's networks against bases.

Japan's defense policy directed by the Bush Administration, means a blatant interference to press Japan to revise Article 9 that defines our way of defending the country. Right now, the U.S. government is implementing the plan of transforming the Anderson Naval Base in Guam into a huge Marine Base to meet its global military strategy. Our tax money will be spent to finance the billion dollar plan. These moves jeopardize peace and security of the Asia Pacific Region intensifying the Arms Race with China. This could well trigger the real danger of a new Cold War in Asia.

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Therefore, we would like to ask you to give consideration to the following requests:

1. Review and freeze the U.S.-Japan agreement reached on February 19, 2005 on "U.S.-Japan Alliance: Transformation and Realignment for the Future" and reorient the ongoing plan of consolidation of the U.S. bases towards a non-military U.S.-Japan agreement that would replace the present U.S.-Japan Security Treaty.
2. Review and suspend the construction plan of a new base in Okinawa and study the U.S. presence in Okinawa and possible withdrawal.
3. Suspend the construction of a new base in Guam.
4. Stop pressuring the government of Japan to revise Article 9 and, instead, adopt a new multilateral policy that would guarantee peace and stability in East Asia and enable Japan's disarmament and the withdrawal of the U.S. Forces.
5. Promote the vision of Nuclear Free East Asia as the first step.

We thank you for your consideration of our proposals, and we pledge our support in pursuit of these goals.

Blessings of peace!

Asian Muslim Action Network

Christian Conference of Asia

Pax Christi USA: Catholic Peace Movement

National Council of Churches in Korea

Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea

Advanced Institute for Integral Study of Life

United Church of Canada

Church of South India

The Buddhism Human Rights Committee, Korea

Nipponzan Myohoji, Japan

Buddhist International Cooperation Network, Japan

Nenbutsu Followers for Constitution on Article 9, Japan

Rissho Peace Association, Japan

Shin-Buddhism Otani for Article 9, Japan

Interfaith Article 9 Coalition, Japan

Interfaith Network for Peace, Japan

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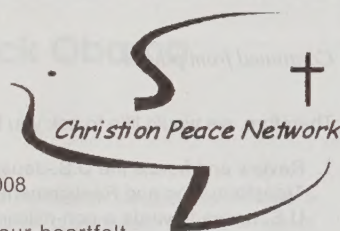
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## Letter to President-elect Barack Obama

To: President-elect **Barack Obama** Presidential Transition Team  
Washington, 20270



Dear Mr.Barack Obama, December, 2008

On behalf of Christian Peace Network, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations for the victory of Presidential election. We were deeply moved by your victory speech, especially by the phrase "the true strength of our nation comes not from the might of our arms or the scale of our wealth, but from the enduring power of our ideals democracy, liberty, opportunity, and unyielding hope".

As peace-loving citizens in Japan, we are really happy to have a president of the USA, who esteems ideals rather than "might" or "wealth", since we have seen many big empires, with their might of arms and wealth, exercise great influence on other countries, and often lead people to war, struggle, poverty and sometimes to death. Now, we have hope to realize a world where every person can live with freedom and equality without fear of war and oppression.

As you may well know, our country Japan has a constitution which renounces war. Our country learned this through the defeat of Asia-Pacific War, after sacrificing many lives of both neighboring countries as well as our own country. The preamble of the Constitution proclaims "we have determined to preserve our security and existence, trusting in the justice and faith of the peace-loving peoples of the world. We desire to occupy an honored place in an international society striving for the preservation of peace, and the banishment of tyranny and slavery, oppression and intolerance for all time from the earth. We recognize that all peoples of the world have the right to live in peace, free from fear and want."

We aspire you to work with us to achieve this universal goal, by ending war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and by the withdrawal of troops and bases from other countries, and bring the world to a new stage by concluding peace accord instead of a military treaty.

It is time to proceed toward the goal "to beat swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks" (Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3). We will join the chorus of your people, "Yes, we can".

Sincerely,

Reiko Suzuki  
Director of Christian Peace Network  
3-18-24 Nishiwaseda, Shinjuku, Tokyo

## Christians Protest Against US Nuclear Carrier Stationed in Japan

Rev. Aika Taira, chairperson of the National Christian Council in Japan's committee on peace and nuclear issues, along with many concerned Christians and citizens, strongly opposes a U.S. nuclear powered aircraft carrier (the USS George Washington) using the port of Yokosuka, south of Tokyo Bay, as a permanent base. "We express our objection to the further enhancement of the Japan-U.S. military alliance in the stationing of a nuclear powered carrier in Yokosuka." Many Japanese have concerns about safety issues and are asking that the carrier return to a U.S. port. Rev. Taira is originally from Okinawa and has been a strong advocate for peace issues related to the U.S. bases.

## Japan's Christian Martyrs

In Nagasaki, a beatification ceremony organized by the Catholic Church was held, honoring 188 people who were executed centuries ago between 1603 and 1639 because of their religious beliefs, when the ruling shoguns attempted to wipe out Christianity in Japan. Beatification is a stage in Catholicism that comes before sainthood, and many hope that the Japanese martyrs will become saints one day. Many of the 188 martyrs, aged between 1 and 80, were killed in Kyushu, but others were executed in Yonezawa (now Yamagata), Edo (now Tokyo), Kyoto, Osaka, Hiroshima and Yamaguchi. Sixty-six were women. Forty-two people from Japan have been made saints and 205 Catholics with ties to the country have been beatified all at the initiative of the Vatican. There are an estimated 450,000 Catholics in Japan. Including Protestants, Christians account for about 1 percent of the population.



## Asia Inter-religious Conference on Article 9

### Follow Up Working Group Meeting

From October 30 to November 1, 2008, the Follow Up Working Group met at the Korean YMCA Hotel in Tokyo. The objective of the meeting of 31 religious leaders and Church representatives from South Korea, Okinawa, Japan, Thailand, and the USA was to come up with a concrete action plan that would enable proactive networking to keep Article 9 of Japan's Constitution in search of a world without war and violence.

We learned about Japan's current political situation and a dangerous move towards "constitutional revision through a reinterpretation". At the same time, the "Global Article 9 Conference" held in May, 2008 marked a meaningful step towards solidarity of global civil society with the Japanese people to maintain and extend the principles of Article 9 as an international peace mechanism

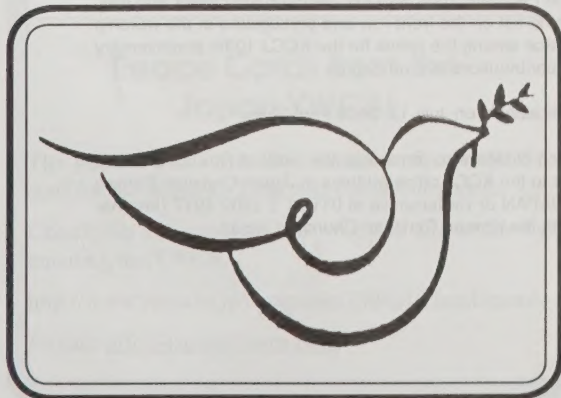
From the reports of the participants, we were able to affirm the importance of Article 9 as a key factor to maintain peace and stability in the Asia Pacific region and beyond, as well as a great need of information about threats against peace. We were once again reminded that peace building is not possible without remembering the past. The U.S. peace movement indicated the lack of information about the Asia Pacific Region and the need of solidarity with peace movements of Japan and Asian countries.

### Plan of Action

1. Letter to US Congress and the President, Visitation
2. The Second Article 9 Inter-religious Conference in Seoul, Korea in December, 2009

#### International Working Group

1. Carlos Ocampo, CCA
2. Jean Stokan, Pax Christi USA



3. Mohammad Abdus Sabur, AMAN
4. Shin Seung Min, Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea
5. Kenichi Otsu, NCC-J
6. Yoshinobu Muratsubaki, Okinawa
7. Filo Hirota, Catholic Council for Justice and Peace, Japan
8. Seiho Honda, Nenbutsu Followers for Constitution on Article 9
9. Gyoyyo Kodama, Shin Buddhism Otani for Article 9
10. Shokyo Odake, Buddhist International Cooperation Network, Japan
11. Takeo Takeda, Nipponzan Myohoji, Japan
12. Bunko Ono, Rishso Peace Association, Japan
13. Motokazu Noguchi, Resource person
14. Toshi Yamamoto, Resource person

### Secretariat

Kenichi Otsu  
Takeo Takeda  
Seiho Honda  
Kazumi Okura  
Toshi Yamamoto

### Task

- Sharing information / Website Publication / E-group / E-news
- Fund raising / financial contribution from participating organizations / Funding partners
- Coordination / networking Working group and participating organizations Future partners

### Calendar

The International Working Group will meet in May, 2009 in Tokyo coinciding with a CCA related meeting.

Coordination-Follow-up NCCJ will be responsible until a new mechanism is established in collaboration with the Organizing Committee of the Follow up meeting.

3. Solidarity / Exposure Visit Okinawa / Pyungtag
4. Peace Education
5. Peace March
6. Mission & Vision Statement / Term of Reference drafted by the Working Group to be adopted by Seoul Conference



## Iraq Veterans Uprising

A DVD entitled "Iraq Veterans Uprising" has now been completed. Patricia McCann of Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) actively staging anti-war actions around the U.S. visited Japan this summer by invitation of Zenko (National Assembly for Peace and Democracy) She gave talks to young people describing her Iraq War experiences as well as specifically introducing energetic activities of IVAW inside and outside the military. Patricia gave insight into the reality behind the fact that actually 72% of U.S. troops are against the occupation. She also talked about their diversified activities criticizing the military recruiting operations targeting poor families. Her visit was a valuable one as the first opportunity to introduce IVAW and their activities to the Japanese.



## 立ち上がるイラク帰還兵

Please make good use of this DVD "Iraq Veterans Uprising" containing Patricia's words in her own voice. Footage: 25 minutes. Priced at 3000 yen. Contact: MABUI CINE COOP (e-mail address: mabui1011@nifty.com)

## Death of Rev. Lee In Ha

Dear Colleagues in Mission:

It is with great sadness that I share the news of Rev. LEE In Ha's death on Monday evening (June 30, 2008) at 10:15 pm following a three month hospitalization. He has been embraced and welcomed by Christ's arms in a perfect society in heaven.

Born on June 15, 1925, Rev. Lee was 83 years young. A funeral was held today (July 3, 2008) at the Kawasaki Church of KCCJ, a community which Rev. Lee served with passion in his prophetic ministry which preached the Gospel message with an emphasis upon human rights. The Kawasaki area is a factory district of Tokyo in which many Koreans in Japan reside.

The various responsibilities that Rev. Lee shouldered during his long Christian journey in Japan are too numerous to list. He served as both KCCJ's general secretary and moderator as well as the NCCJ chairperson. Rev. Lee was very active in the JNAC forum and gave a visionary sermon at the JNAC 25th anniversary in 1998. He served on various boards, including the Asian Rural Institute. He is respected as a visionary leader of human rights concern not only in Japan but also in international circles.

Rev. Lee attended the 100th anniversary of the Tokyo Church in February 2008 with joy, although very weak and frail. However, his vibrance was apparent in his lively expression as he sat on the front row and participated in the worship celebration. It is God's promise that he will have an honorary place among the saints for the KCCJ 100th anniversary celebration on October 13, 2008 this coming fall. His spirit and contributions live among us.

A memorial service is planned at the Tokyo Church of KCCJ in Iidabashi on July 12, 2008 from 2 pm.

Thank you for distributing this message to others in your church circles who remember the work of Rev. LEE In Ha. Condolence messages can be sent to kccj@kb3.so-net.ne.jp or to the KCCJ office address at Japan Christian Center/ 2-3-18-Room 52 Nishi Waseda/ Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 169-0051 JAPAN or via facsimile at 011 81 3 3202 4977 (International Dialing). These will be shared with both the family and with the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

Grace and peace,  
Sook Il Park  
General Secretary  
Korean Christian Church in Japan



## Caroling for Peace

Christmas Caroling for Peace at St. Ignatius Church in Yotsuya area, Tokyo, began in the St Mary chapel at 5:45 p.m. on December 15. Catholics, Protestants, and even a Buddhist priest joined together to watch a DVD called "Iraq Veterans Uprising", have a prayer service with candles lit for 57 countries in the world where there is conflict and various testimonies (from a woman from Burma, a Korean pastor, a woman from Okinawa and others). The service was very musical and inspiring and after the prayer service, many held up banners for peace as we walked around the streets in the Yotsuya area singing carols for peace. The event was sponsored by the NCCJ Christian Peace Network.



### Peace Cards from the Japan YWCA!

The painter is Ms Mikako Nishihara, former NCCJ staff for the Women's Desk and Peace Committee.

Check out the cards on the website and order by emailing the YWCA.

<http://www.ywca.or.jp/campaign/3000212.html#more>

E-mail: [office-japan@ywca.or.jp](mailto:office-japan@ywca.or.jp)

### Japan Women's Conference

The 2009 Women's Conference and Retreat at Amagi Sanso in Izu will be January 23-25th. The theme this year is 'Storytelling: Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been?'. The focus of story making will be the Exodus from the Jewish Testament. The speaker will be Megan McKenna who is the author of more than 30 books, many focusing on the stories of women from the Bible. Megan has specialized in leading weekends and is a renowned storyteller. (Please see her website for some ideas of who she is; <http://www.meganmckenna.org>)

For more information or to register, check out the website <http://wocon.net/>



# NCCJ Ecumenical Prayer Calendar 2009

Please pray for committees, churches, organizations, events, and concerns that are either part of NCCJ or relate to NCCJ.

## January

- 4 NCCJ theme for the 36 General Assembly "Send us, Lord, the realization of peace and reconciliation." John 14:27
- 11 Japan Christian Council for Evangelism with the Blind  
NCCJ related Christian Publishing Company
- 18-25 Prayer for Christian Unity Week
- 18 NCCJ's Commission on Faith and Order
- 25 Support for new laws to help foreigners to become Japanese citizens and also to change the discrimination faced by foreigners with the present Alien Registration Law

## February

- 1 NCCJ German Church Relations Committee  
German Midnight Mission (MBK Mission)  
German-speaking Evangelical Church (Kreuzkirche Evangelische Gemeinde Deutscher Sprach)
- 8 Prayers for freedom of religion
- 15 Japan Christian Academy  
NCC Center for the Study of Japanese Religions (in Kyoto)
- 22 Japan Evangelical Association (JEA)  
Nihon (Japan) Revival Association (NRA)

## March

- 1 KYOFUKAI- Japan Christian Women's Organization
- 6 World Day of Prayer
- 8 NCCJ Women's Committee
- 15 Kobe Union Church  
Tokyo Union Church  
West Tokyo Union Church  
Yokohama Union Church
- 22 NCCJ 37th General Assembly
- 29 Japan Christian Medical Association (JCMA)  
Japan Overseas Christian Medical Cooperative Service (JOCS)

## April

- 5 Ecumenical Youth Movement  
NCCJ Youth Committee
- 12 We pray "Thy Will Be Done" as we work to overcome the gap between rich and poor, racism, classism, and sexism in society today.
- 19 Christian Political League  
International Christian Body
- 26 Tokyo Seisho Shukai of Mukyokai (Non-church) Group  
Japan Christian Culture Society

## May

- 3 Removal of the U.S. bases from Okinawa  
NCC's projects to promote Japan's Peace Constitution
- 10 Asian Rural Institute (ARI)  
NCCJ Philippine Committee
- 17 Sayama Incident (which pertains to discrimination against Buraku in Japan)  
NCCJ China Church Relations Committee
- 24 Asia Sunday  
Christian Conference of Asia (CCA)
- 31 Ecumenical Sunday

## June

- 7 The Holy Orthodox Church in Japan
- 14 AVACO - Christian Communication Center  
Asian Health Institute (AHI)
- 21 Remembering the victims of WWII in Okinawa  
Remembering victims of military bases worldwide  
NCCJ Peace and Reconciliation Committee on East Asia  
Prayers for unification and peace in the Korean Peninsula
- 28 United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan)



## July

- 5 Prayers for mission work in Japan
- 12 Japan YMCA
- 19 Japan Baptist Union
- 26 Japan Free Methodist Church  
International Christian Church (ICU)

## August

- 2 Japan YWCA
- 9 Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki  
NCCJ Peace and Nuclear Issues Committee
- 16 Japan was defeated in WW 2  
NCC Yasukuni Shrine Committee
- 23 NCCJ Christian Peace and Nuclear Issues Network  
Interfaith Peace Network
- 30 & Sept. 1 Memorial day of the Korean massacre during the Kanto Big Earthquake in 1923  
NCC Human Rights of Foreign Residents Committee

## September

- 6 Prayers for peace in Palestine  
Prayers for inter-religious relations
- 13 Japan Fellowship of Reconciliation (JFOR)  
Japan Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
- 20 Anglican/Episcopal Church of Japan (Nippon Sei Ko Kai)
- 27 Korean Christian Church in Japan

## October

- 10 Prayers for sexual minorities in Japan  
Abolish the death penalty in Japan
- 11 Action of Churches Together (ACT)
- 18-25 Christian Education Week
- 18 NCCJ Christian Education Center
- 25 Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church

## November

- 1 Japan Baptist Convention
- 8-14 Disabled Persons Week
- 8 "People with Disabilities" and the Church Committee
- 15 NCCJ Wakachiai Committee (works to raise donations for needs in other countries)
- 22 Urban Rural Mission (URM)
- 29 AIDS Sunday

## December

- 6 NCCJ Buraku Discrimination Committee
- 10 International Human Rights Day
- 13 Christian Coalition for Refugees and Foreign Migrant Workers (Nankiren)
- 18 International Day of Migrant Workers
- 20 Japan Bible Society  
NCCJ ecumenical work and ecumenical districts all over Japan
- 27 NCCJ Commission on Theology and Mission